

Service Date: July 13, 2000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation	)	UTILITY DIVISION
Into Qwest Corporation's	)	
Compliance with Section 271 of the	)	DOCKET NO. D2000.5.70
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	ORDER NO. 6254d

**THIRD AMENDED PROCEDURAL ORDER**  
**AND FURTHER AMENDED SCHEDULE**

The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) has decided to consider Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) within the seven-state section 271 collaborative, which the Commission joined in June 2000. (See Procedural Order No. 6254.) Therefore, the Commission issues this order, which amends the procedural schedule, last amended by Order No. 6254c, March 22, 2001, as follows:

Group 6:

June 29, 2001	Qwest files PAP, Comments, MTG Final Documentation and Affidavit.
July 27, 2001	Participants file responses to the Qwest filing, including verified comments or testimony addressing all matters that they consider necessary to make an appropriate record for the Commission.
August 3, 2001	All-participant prehearing phone conference for the purpose of identifying those issues or matters that can be decided on the record created by the Qwest filing and the responses, and for determining those issues that require cross examination and submission of responsive testimony.
August 14-17, 2001	Session 9 (Denver): for Qwest's case and for as much of the cases of other parties as can be accomplished.
August 27-29, 2001	Session 10 (if necessary): for completion of other parties' cases and witnesses and for addressing issues raised at first session.
September 12, 2001	Last Day for Main Briefs: briefs will be due 14 days from the last hearing date.

September 19, 2001    Last Day for Reply Briefs or Oral Argument (if allowed): the need for reply briefs (or oral argument in lieu thereof) will be addressed at the close of hearings and, if allowed, they will be due within 7 days of the filing of main briefs.

October 12, 2001       Report to the Commission.

October 30, 2001       Exceptions/Comments/Briefs filed with the Commission.

As with earlier sessions, participation by telephone (toll free) will be available for sessions 9 and 10. Information will be posted on the list-serve.

DONE AND DATED this 3rd day of July, 2001, by delegation to Commission staff as the Order of the Montana Public Service Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GARY FELAND, Chairman

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**SECOND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE**

On May 23, 2000 the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity to Participate in a multistate collaborative process to consider Qwest's section 271 application. Numerous entities responded and are participants in this docket; several are active participants. The Commission has recently decided to consider Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) in the multistate collaborative process. The Commission reasoned that, although the PAP is technically not part of the section 271 process, it is nonetheless integral to the Montana 271 recommendation and the final FCC decision. Persons already participants in this docket need not respond to this Second Notice. Persons not participants, but who wish to participate for purposes of considering the PAP in the multistate collaborative, and who have proper standing, should make a written request to Dennis Crawford, Montana Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. Requests should reference the docket number of this notice and describe the interest(s) of the person asking to participate. Requests should also include prominently the email address of a contact person or persons of the entity asking to participate. New participants will be added to the docket's electronic list serve. Requests should be received at the Commission by July 20, 2001. Entities considering participation should note the attached Third Amended Procedural Order and be aware that participant responses to the Qwest PAP are due on July 27, 2001. Qwest's PAP filing and related documents are on the Commission's website on the telecommunications page at <http://psc.state.mt.us/tcom/tcom.htm>.

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